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Oklahoma Small Business Development Center

Located on the Broken Arrow campus, staff of this state program provide counseling, financial procurement assistance, and training for new or current business owners. This office serves Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Nowata, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pawnee, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington counties. For more information or to schedule and appointment, please call or email Director John Blue at 918-449-6280 (918-444-4550 in Cherokee County) or bluejr@nsuok.edu. Visit the [OSBDC website](#).

Oklahoma Center for Rural Development

This office is part of Northeastern State in Tahlequah and provides geographic, demographic, economic, and growth information about Oklahoma communities and the state itself. Small businesses and international companies can use this data to plan for employee resources or possible relocation. The OCRD's work has been credited with bringing many companies to Tahlequah. For more information, please call or email Ray Murphy at 918-458-9687 or rmurphy@oklahomavirtualcommunity.com. Visit the [OCRD website](#).

Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance

Through its statewide network of manufacturing extension agents and applications engineers, the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance provides a full range of services. The organization offers free technical assistance and business advice, helping manufacturers become progressively more successful. Services focus on improving the bottom line, while growing the entire company. These services include:

- Company-Wide Assessments
- Technical Assistance
- Lean Manufacturing
- Problem-Solving Resources
- Six Sigma Black Belt and Green Belt Training
- Assistance with Industry Certifications (e.g. ISO)
- Organizing Local Manufacturing Councils
- Business Growth Services
- Short-Term Engineering Assistance
- Market Analysis
- Product Development
- Coordination of State Incentive Applications



Curtis Evans is the local Manufacturing Extension Agent with an office at NSU Broken Arrow. He supports manufacturers in Tulsa and Okmulgee County. Last year, manufacturers assisted by MEAs reported their efforts would result in more than \$150 million in increased sales.

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